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1. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMATION OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN ANTI-NARCOTICS FIELD BY GUB SINCE SUBMISSION OF REF A (NCAP, SECTION A, ANNEX 8) WHICH MAY BE USEFUL FOR CCINC CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION.

2. SINCE MID-DECEMBER, GUB HAS LAUNCHED COUNTRY-WIDE CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKERS AND CULTIVATORS. IN TWO SEPARATE ACTIONS, GUB POLICE AND ARMY MOUNTED OPERATIONS RESULTING IN DESTRUCTION OF OVER 300 ACRES OF POPPY FIELDS IN SOUTHERN SHAN AND CHIN STATES (REFS B AND C); OPERATIONS DESCRIBED AS BEING "FIRST PHASE" AND CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPERATION IN PEGU AREA, WHICH THUS FAR DESTROYED SEVERAL HUNDRED ACRES OF MARIJUANA. NORTHERN SHAN STATE OFFICIALS, IN MID-DECEMBER RAID, ATTACKED NARCOTICS REFINERY, SEIZING 15 GALLONS OF LIQUIFIED OPIUM, CHEMICALS AND REFINING EQUIPMENT. JANUARY 1 BURMA ARMY OPERATIONS AGAINST CIF
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TRAFFICKERS (REF D) CAUSED 59 TRAFFICKERS KILLED, 90 CAPTURED,

59 SURRENDERED AND NETTED SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF WEAPONS AND QUANTITIES OF HEROIN AND OTHER DERIVATIVES. ARRESTS AND SEIZURES OVER PAST THREE WEEKS NUMBERED 14 ARRESTS AND 11,000 KYAT WORTH OF NARCOTICS IN TEN SEPARATE ACTIONS.

3. SENIOR POLICE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN VISITING UP-COUNTRY AREAS TO WARN OPIUM CULTIVATORS OF IMPENDING CROP DESTRUCTION, ADVISING FARMERS TO PLANT OTHER CROPS. MEANTIME, COUNTRY-WIDE EDUCATIVE CAMPAIGN UNDER WAY VIA NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO, EXPLAINING GOVERNMENT POLICY AND SEEKING COOPERATION OF CITIZENS. LOCAL PAPERS HAVE MADE FREQUENT REFERENCES TO FIVE YEAR, \$6.5 MILLION UNFAC PROGRAM, WHICH, ACCORDING TO UNDP, WILL BE INITIATED WITHIN MONTH OR TWO. REHABILITATION EFFORTS ENHANCED BY ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITY IN KACHIN STATE TO BE COMPLETED BY MARCH.

4. DETAILED ASSESSMENT TO BE SUBMITTED IN NCAP AIRGRAM.
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